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J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1908. [20]

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ABOUT \$3,350,000

RESERVE FUND \$3,350,000

ABOUT \$3,350,000

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W. M. ANDERSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1908. [18]

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

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6 " 4 " " "

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JOHN ARMSTRONG, Manager.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1908. [21]

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ESTABLISHED 1824.

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6 " 4 " " "

3 " 4 " " "

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Hongkong, 16th July 1908. [19]

Banks.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

CAPITAL PAID-UP Yen 10,000,000

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For 12 months 5 1/2 per cent. p.a.

6 " 4 " " "

3 " 4 " " "

TAKRO TAKAMUHI, Manager.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1908. [17]

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [21]

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CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP—Sh. Tails 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

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A. KOHN, Manager.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [23]

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FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL ON

REMARKS

SHANGHAI { DELHI { Capt. J. P. Andrews, R.M.R. 8th Jan. { Freight and Passage.

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LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES { NILE { Capt. E. P. Martin 15th Jan. { Freight and Passage.

SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & MALTA { Capt. H. Powell 16th Jan. { Freight and Passage.

YOKOHAMA { Capt. H. Powell 16th Jan. { Freight and Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1909. [14]

Intimations.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1908. [31]

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HENRY LUTZ,

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 16th July, 1908. [16]

HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN,

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For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July 1909. [12]

Shipping—Steamers

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JOINT SERVICE OF

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE OHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

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Departures from Macao to Hongkong on week days at 7.30 A.M. and at 2 P.M.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HOI SANG."

Departures from MACAO to CANTON on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 P.M.

Departures from CANTON to MACAO on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 5 P.M.

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Hotels.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

FIRST CLASS AND UP-TO-DATE.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 21st June, 1907.

A. F. DAVIES,

Manager. [36]

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LUXURY AND COMFORT,
FRESHNESS AND EXCELLENT
CUISINE,

STAY AT—

THE GRAND CARLTON HOTEL

Hongkong, 5th December, 1908. [35]

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N. BEUMENTHAL,

Manager.

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Telegram, "Astor."

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Mails.

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BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| YOKOHAMA AND KOBE | "PRINZ SIGISMUND"..... | About FRIDAY, 8th January. |
| NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and BREMEN | "DERFFLINGER"..... | WEDNESDAY, Noon, 13th January. |
| SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA | "LUTZOW"..... | About THURSDAY, 14th January. |
| MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE | "PRINZ SIGISMUND"..... | THURSDAY, 5 P.M., 28th January. |
| KUDAT and SANDAKAN | "BORNEO"..... | End of January. |

For further Particulars, apply to

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & CO.,

GENERAL AGENTS, HONGKONG & CHINA.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1909.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FRENCH MAIL LINES.

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO and FROM EUROPE via SUEZ CANAL, TO and FROM JAPAN via SHANGHAI.

| FOR | STEAMERS | CAPTAINS | TO SAIL ON |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------------------|
| SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, SYDNEY | Rebutat | | 4th Jan./09, 8 P.M. |
| MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS | ERNEST SIMONS | Girard | 5th Jan./09, at 1 P.M. |
| SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA | POLYNESIAN | Broc | 18th Jan., P.M. |
| MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS | TOKIN | Charbonnel | 19th Jan., at 1 P.M. |

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Through Tickets to London via Paris from £17.10 up to £71.10. 20 hours' railway from Marseilles to London.

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ACTING AGENT,

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1909.

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REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN JAVA, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

| Steamer. | From | Expected on or about | Will leave for | On or about |
|-----------|-------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| TJIMAH | JAVA | 1st half Jan. | SHANGHAI | 1st half Jan. |
| TJILIWONG | JAPAN | 1st half Jan. | JAVA | 1st half Jan. |
| TJIKINI | JAVA | 2nd half Jan. | JAPAN | 2nd half Jan. |
| TJILATJAP | JAVA | 1st half Feb. | SHANGHAI | 1st half Feb. |
| TJIBODAS | JAVA | 1st half Feb. | JAPAN | 1st half Feb. |
| TJIPANAS | JAVA | 1st half Feb. | SHANGHAI | 1st half Feb. |

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have Accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherland India Ports on through Bills of Lading.

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1909.

WEST RIVER BRITISH STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

HONGKONG-WUCHOW LINE.

THE Steamers "LINTAN" and "SAN-UI" sail from HONGKONG TWICE A WEEK and COMPLETE THE ROUND TRIP IN 4 DAYS. These steamers have Excellent Saloon Accommodation, and are Lighted Throughout by Electricity.

THE CLIMATE ON THE WEST RIVER DURING THE WINTER MONTHS IS VERY FINE AND EXHILARATING.

For further information apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

AGENTS,

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1st March, 1909.

Intimation.

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Length inside 514 ft. Width of entrance, top 95 ft.; bottom 75 ft. Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to pump out, 4 hours.

No. 2 DOCK.

Length inside, 375 ft. Width of entrance, top 60.5 ft. bottom 45.8 ft. Water on blocks, 28.5 ft. Time to pump out, 2 hours.

THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of Captains and Engineers is respectfully called to the advantages offered for Docking and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.

The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested by Lloyd's surveyors).

Two powerful Taini Scow Tugs are available for taking Vessels in or out of Dock, and for taking Sailing Vessels in or out of the bay. The floating derrick is capable of lifting 35 tons.

Steam Launches of Steel or Wood, Lighters, Steel Buildings and Roofs, Bridge Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be guaranteed.

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Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. B. C. 4th and 5th Edt.

Liebers, Scotts, A. I. and Watkins.

Yokohama, May 23rd, 1905.

Shipping—Steamers.

MESSAGERIES CANTONNAISES.

FRENCH LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN HONGKONG, CANTON AND KOUANG-SI.

S.S. "PAUL BEAU," 1,900 tons, 14 knots.

S.S. "CHARLES HARDOUIN," 1,900 tons, 14 knots.

The speediest, most luxuriously appointed and punctual steamers on the line. Departure from Hongkong at 10 P.M. (Saturdays excepted). Departure from Canton at 5.15 P.M. (Sundays excepted).

These superb steamers carrying the French Mail are fitted throughout with Electric Light and Fans and were specially built for this trade. Excellent cuisine. The Company's Own Wharf near Wing Lok Street and its berth in Canton opposite Shamen.

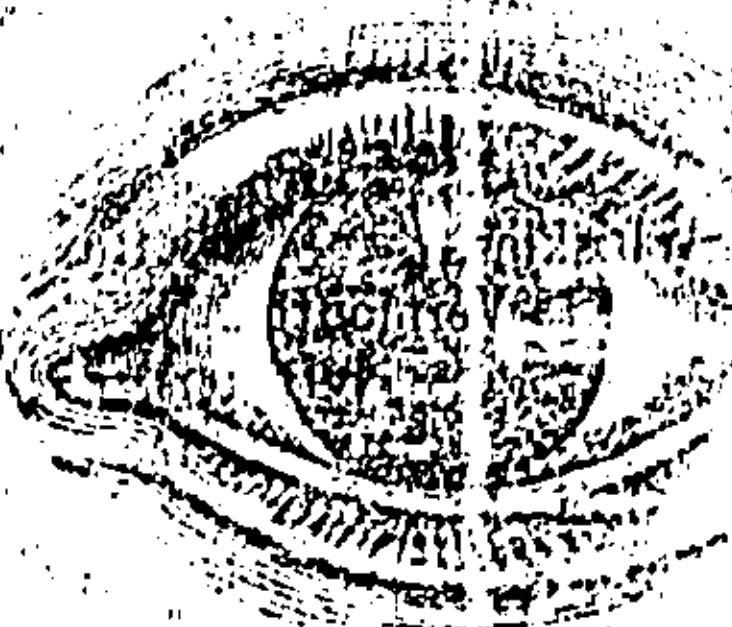
For further particulars, please apply to the COMPANY'S OFFICE at Shamen, (Canton) or to their Agents.

BARRETTO & CO., Hongkong.

Hongkong, 9th October, 1908.

Intimations.

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CLETEAS is a MELISSA and MINT cordial which surpasses all others by its purity and faultless preparation. To be taken on a lump of sugar. COMPAGNIE DU VIN SAINT-RAPHAEL, Valence (Drôme-France). CALDERON MACGREGOR & Co., Hongkong.

ADVENTURE WITH SHARKS.

DRAVERY OF LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER IN RED SEA.

The list of awards for gallantry issued recently by the Royal Humane Society recalls the heroism of two Englishmen, C. W. Dore and T. O. Jenkins, who kept the Ras Sharib Lighthouse on the Red Sea, and records a typical Red Sea tale of a shark, says a London daily.

A ship foundered in a hurricane some twenty miles north of the lighthouse, and her crew went down in her, with the exception of one man, an Englishman named Hugh Gray. He managed to climb on a drifting hatch-cover, in a shark-infested sea, and drifted for thirteen hours, until he reached the lighthouse and was seen by the lighthousemen.

They had already hailed the exhausted man and were preparing to rescue him, when he slipped off his frail raft. Without more ado, Dore and Jenkins rushed into the water and swam out to him, heedless of the ferocious sharks that abounded. They were within ten yards of the man when a huge shark darted between them.

It turned as it flashed by, and the next moment had seized the seaman and dragged him under. The Englishmen swam bravely to the blood-tinged spot where he had disappeared, but hope was in vain, and they swam back over the dangerous course.

They reached the lighthouse safely, prey apparently too strong for the courage of the sharks, but the mutilated remains of the unfortunate seaman were washed up next day.

The society has sent its bronze medals to the lighthousemen.

SPITTING NOISANCE.

STRAITS CHINESE PETITION GOVERNMENT.

Says the Taiping correspondent of the Straits Echo—

The Chinese community of the Colony have made a successful move on behalf of their compatriots outside its limits, who might arrive there and who might naturally be unacquainted with the provisions of the Spitting Ordinance, which has recently become law. In reply to a petition, addressed by the Headmen to H.E. the Governor, they have been informed that no action will be taken against a person for spitting until he had been two days in the Colony, and no arrest is to be made under the Ordinance, except by a European Police Officer, and a summons will only be taken out in cases reported by the native police after inquiry by a European Inspector or N. C. O. The very necessity for the passing of this restrictive and protective order would seem to indicate that this last piece of patriarchal legislation is likely to cause more generally harm than any specific good from a sanitary point of view. Among the two large sections of the community, the Chinese and Klings, spitting is a habit which almost amounts to a second nature with the former. With regard to the latter, addicted as they are to chewing betel, the practice is a necessity. Under these conditions the enforcement of the Ordinance is calculated to operate on them hardly, especially in the case of Mahomedans, who during Bulan Puasa, or fasting month, are forbidden from even swallowing their own saliva between sunrise and sunset.

THE FORMOSAN ABORIGINES.

TRIDE HEMMED IN.

A Taipei dispatch says:—"On the morning of the 22nd ultimo the forces advancing from Hakuhakusha in the vicinity of Shichikyakusen brought four guns to bear on the aborigines concealed in the side of a hill in the rear of the Shichikyakusen tribe's village, and covered the advance of the infantry and police force. The bombardment was effective, many of the aborigines being killed or wounded. The infantry and police force, which advanced under cover of the artillery fire, poured volleys on the side of Shichikyakusen hill, the firing being continued till 2 p.m. The artillery fire was then resumed and the enemy retreated to the rear of the hill. They are now faced with their bitterest enemy, the Toroko tribe. They can neither retreat or advance, and are now in a most difficult position."

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Benger's Food is sold in tins, by all Chemists, etc., everywhere.

BENGER'S FOOD

WEATHER-FORCAST. STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station, Tsim Sha Tsui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here:—

1. A CONE point upwards indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.
2. A CONE point upwards and 1/4 TURN below indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.
3. A DRUM indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.
4. A CONE point downwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.
5. A CONE point downwards indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.
6. A CONE point downwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.
7. A BALL indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.
8. A CONE point upwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signal, indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office:—

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

These Night Signals will be substituted the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the harbour.

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Cup Rock | Aberdeen |
| Waglan | Sai Ki Wan |
| Stanley | Sai Kung |
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| | Tai Po |

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RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

In our telegram columns to-day the subject of railways in China occupies a large amount of space. The review of events in China for 1908, which appears in the *North China Daily News* just to hand, and especially that section devoted to railways, is of particular apposite interest in explanation of the awakening of the Central Government to the real importance and value of railway communication as a means to the development of the enormous latent resources of the country. The writer in our Shanghai contemporary observes:—"In respect has the spirit of the times found better expression than in regard to railway construction. The year opened with popular feeling strongly opposed to all concessions to foreigners, and it required a struggle of some months to obtain the ratification of the agreement for the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo line (March 6). On January 13 the agreement for the Tientsin-Pukow Railway was signed; the construction is entrusted to British and German interests, but the terms of the loan were the most favourable that had ever been obtained by China. The desire for purely Chinese ownership found further expression in the decision to redeem the

Peking-Hankow Railway, and a loan of £5,000,000 was successfully floated on October 13 for this purpose. Another venture re-purchased by China was the mining concession of the Peking Syndicate in Shansi. As the year progressed, however, there has been a growing realization that China is unequal, technically and financially, to the task of providing herself with railways. The deadlock on the Canton-Hankow line and in regard to the proposed railway from the latter town to Szechuan has led to the appointment of Chang, Chih-tung to inquire into the subject of railway construction. As a result negotiations for a British loan to complete the main trunk line to Canton are spoken of, and it is inevitable that the same solution should be agreed upon for the Szechuan line. Railway enterprise during the year included the opening of the Hainan and Sunning lines in Kwangtung, the completion of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway to the latter city and the opening of the connecting line between the terminus and the native city; the continuation of the Kaifeng-Chengchow line to Hsianfu. Work has been pushed on energetically on the Peking-Kalgan line and on the French railway into Yunnan. On the Canton-Hankow line construction on the first section from Wuchang has been begun; the German line in Shan-tung is also being pushed forward. The building of the line from Kwangchehtze to Kirin is already in hand, and through trains are now running from Peking to Mukden, where a junction between the Imperial Railways of North China and the South Manchuria Railway has been a matter of arrangement between the Japanese and Chinese authorities during the year.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

WE have received the initial number of a Portuguese weekly printed at Macao and styled *Vida Nova* (new life).

ARTIFICER-ENGINEER W. S. L. Collins joins the despatch ship *Algeria*, China Squadron, for duty, with effect from 27th November.

THE cruiser *Credent* arrived at Spithead from Hongkong on 29th Nov. with the paid off crews of several vessels of the China Station.

A VOLUNTARY service for Roman Catholics will be held in St. Joseph's Church at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 6th inst., being the Feast of Epiphany.

ENGINEER Sub-Lieutenant F. B. Jaques has been appointed to the cruiser *King Alfred* (flagship of the China Squadron) on transfer from the battleship *Triumph*, Channel Fleet.

CAPTAIN A. H. Proctor, I.M.S., was in medical charge of two double Companies of 13th Rajputs while in camp at Tai Lam Chung, from 16th November to 29th November, 1908, inclusive, in addition to his own regimental duties.

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd., announces that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending December 19, amounted to 26,399.71 tons and the sales during the period to 23,051.10 tons.

THE undermentioned details left the Command on 1st inst., per s.s. *Scythia*, for London:—H.K.S.B. R.C.A.—Captain H. C. Moultrie, 3rd Middy; Regt.—N.C.O., 1 woman, 3 children, and 2 Camerons High—1 N.C.O.'s and men, 1 woman, 2 children.

JUST as we were going to press news reaches us of a fire which had broken out at Lungsham. Inquiries made at headquarters elicited the information that the outbreak had occurred in Taung On's match shed near the Electric Light works and was still burning at the time. The match shed was for cordless engaged in cutting down the hill for the railway.

THE Right Hon. Sir Cecil Clement Smith, G.C.M.G., is a passenger by the P. and O. s.s. *Moellan*, leaving Marseilles on Christmas Day. Passengers for the Straits and China tranship at Colombo to the *Duranda* which will arrive at Singapore on or about Friday, Jan. 15th. Field Marshal Lord Roberts, Lady Roberts and Ladies A. and E. Roberts are also passengers by the *Moellan*, probably for Egypt.

THE steamer *Hanping*, which has been resting on the bottom of the river since her collision with H. M. S. *Flora* some three months ago, has at last been raised from her bed of mud. Cofferdams had been constructed round the steamer's hold in order to pump the water out but great difficulties were encountered, but these were finally surmounted by the Dock Company and the vessel now lies on her side on the Pootung shore. A few patches are necessary before she can be righted and taken into dock for a complete overhaul—*Shanghai Times*.

The "Fatshan" Incident:
ROWDIES' ATTEMPT TO ROYCOTT
STEAMER.

BRITISH CONSUL'S PROMPT ACTION.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 2nd January.
Yesterday morning, placards bearing the names of Fok Wing Fuk and Pak Yu Shi were found posted in various public places throughout the city, by which public feeling was greatly aroused. The people were warned not to patronise any more the steamer *Fatshan* and to boycott her immediately from yesterday. The *Fatshan* was of course scheduled to leave here at 5.30 p.m. in the afternoon on her usual trip, and expected to carry as usual a number of passengers and cargo; but as the result of the impression given in the placards, the appearance of the steamer lying at her wharf seemed to have become an object attracting the people in large numbers, especially the lower classes, to gather around in the vicinity of her wharf. No doubt some of the intending passengers disregarded what was said in the placards and others were entirely ignorant of them. When coming down the wharf to board the steamer, some of the passengers had their luggage snatched by certain mischief makers who were working partly for their own benefit and partly on the pretext of giving warning to the passengers. After a few incidents of this nature had taken place, great excitement prevailed among the people, and matters became disorderly. Crowds of people then collected and caused great confusion; some of them threatened to burn the steamer and others to top off the ears of anyone who should attempt to board her. At about 3 o'clock, there were already on board the steamer over a hundred passengers; all of a sudden, some of the scoundrels got among the passengers and insinuated that they should go up and fall in line with the boycott movement. As things looked ugly, the *Fatshan* had to leave her wharf and moored out of the harbour opposite Shamen in order to prevent trouble. The passengers who were already on board the steamer began running to and fro to leave the vessel and not one was found remaining on board; the cargo that was already loaded by the Chinese merchants was also taken out before her departure. When things were getting serious, the British Consul-General at once telephoned to the Viceroy informing him of what had happened and asked him to immediately send troops to guard the steamer against any emergency. On hearing of the occurrence the Viceroy without loss of time ordered the Tatal of Constabulary, the Tatal for the Development of Native Industries, the two Brigadier-Generals, the two District Magistrates of Nambai and Panyu and the Shamen Guard to proceed to the scene to restore order. At a little past 4 o'clock the above officials were present at the wharf with soldiers and police lined up to the number of a few hundred, and on their arrival the mob was gradually dispersed and everything resumed their former tranquillity. The officials remained on the spot till the steamer left at 5 o'clock. After fifty blue-jackets from the British gunboats were placed on board, the *Fatshan* returned to her wharf once more to receive the mail packets and left for Hongkong without further incident.

This morning, the Tatal of Constabulary issued a proclamation with orders to effect the arrest of the ringleaders and to suppress the boycott. It is an unfortunate circumstance that the result of the *Fatshan* incident should have reached the present state.

Yesterday morning, Admiral Li Chun left here with the *Kiangchi* and two other gunboats for the West River to make an inspection. Fear was still entertained with regard to the safety of the steamer *Fatshan*; the Brigadier-General of Kwangchow was again directed by the Viceroy to proceed to her wharf with no less than a hundred soldiers to protect the vessel on her arrival here to-day at 4.20 p.m.

DRUG STORES ABLAZE.

TWO FIRES AT WEST POINT AND
EXTENSIVE LOSSES.

Great damage was done at a fire which occurred on Saturday afternoon at 1, Sutherland Street, West Point. The building in question is a two-storey brick structure and was used as a godown; where expensive Chinese medicines were stored. It was about 5.45 o'clock that flames were seen issuing from the top floor and the news was promptly communicated to headquarters. The fire brigade (Chief Inspector Baker in charge) arrived on the scene when the premises were enveloped in smoke and flame; and after some hard work they succeeded in saving the building. It was discovered later that one bale of medicine was destroyed, while the remainder of the stock was damaged by fire and water.

The damage is estimated at \$7,000; and the drugs were insured for \$65,000 in the London and Lancashire Insurance Company's office.

The origin of the fire was believed to have been caused by a cooie, who, having struck a lighted candle near a bale of medicine, left it, only to set fire to the bale.

DRUG DRIVING CAUSES FIRE.

West Point's second fire occurred shortly before daybreak to-day. The flames broke out at 105, Des Vaux Road, but fortunately the fire-fighters were on the spot immediately after the outbreak, and were able to tackle matters before they got serious.

106, Des Vaux Road West is a three-storey blue brick building. The ground floor is occupied by a hardware merchant, the second floor is unoccupied, while the third and top floor was used as a dwelling house. The fire broke out on the top floor, caused, it was alleged, by the over-heating of some drugs, in the twinkling of an eye the whole floor was ablaze, and as we have already stated, the brigade arrived in time to confine the flames to that floor.

The premises were insured in the Chinese company for \$1,000, and the damage is put down at \$800.

Murderers Doomed.

SHA-TAU-KOK TRAGEDY
RECOUNTED.CAUGHT IN CHINESE TERRITORY AND
TO BE REHEADED.

The curtain falls over the scene of the Sha-tau-kok murder mystery.

Four men, who were arrested on the Chinese borders, in connection with this tragedy, were hauled before the Nambai magistrate and tried. After lengthy evidence had been led by those who had been on the scene at the time, the quartette were found guilty and sentenced to be beheaded.

Sha-tau-kok, as it is commonly called, or Sha-tau-kok, as it appears on the map, is a village on the mainland near Starling Inlet, in Mira Bay. The population is very small and made up chiefly of fishermen.

Standing on the high road, a few minutes' walk from the village, is a little mud-house in which lived a middle-aged man, his wife and an only child, and they earned their living by selling tea and cakes to wayfarers. It was in this little hut that the dastardly murders were enacted. Early on a November morning the master of the tea shop set out to walk to Tai Po to transact some business there, leaving his wife and child to look after the shop, which they had done on many occasions in his absence. That robbers had got wind of the shopkeeper's intended visit to Tai Po, and that they had planned to loot the premises while he was away was known only to them.

When the robbery was committed, whether in the day or at night, is not known. It is believed, however, that they forced an entrance into the shop and proceeded to carry out their plan. It can be supposed, in the absence of any eye-witnesses, that the woman on finding the men in the house and, knowing the purpose of their visit, yelled for help, while the child began to cry. The robber, it is to be assumed, threatened them to be quiet, but as the order seemed to have been disregarded, the mother and her child were seized, thrown to the floor, while the robbers proceeded to tie pieces of rag round their necks, the idea being to stop any further calls for assistance—thus strangling their victims. Something like \$80 in money and goods were removed from the shops. On leaving, the murderers closed the door carefully behind them in order that they may hide their tracks before the discovery was made.

The shopkeeper returned to Sha-tau-kok some time the following day and was thunder-struck to find the shop closed. He pushed open the door to find out the cause—and the tragedy was known. There on the floor were the corpses of his wife and child. In the next few minutes the whole village was thrown into a state of excitement. The Sha-tau-kok police were informed and after the necessary inspection the remains were sent to Kowloon for examination.

Soon after the murders had been committed, detectives got on the trail of the murderers and tracked them to the borders of the British territory. By this time the Chinese authorities had been apprised of the matter, which resulted in their capture, and subsequent conviction.

"PAINLESS" SUICIDE.

SHANGHAI LANDER'S FUTILE ATTEMPT
TO END HIS DAYS.

A northern Chinaman, by name Tsui Lo Shing, a gold digger by trade, made a most desperate, though futile, attempt, to commit suicide on New Year's moon. Tsui Lo Shing came to Hongkong from Shanghai about a week ago, as he could not get suitable employment, which seemed to worry him, he decided to take the "plunge."

Arming himself with a rope, Tsui walked all the way from Wanchai to Bonham Road, where he picked out a quiet spot, there to end his miserable life. He clambered up the hill-side facing the Diocesan House, and, adjusting the cord around his neck, which, by the way, was protected by a handkerchief, Tsui hauled himself up a tree—the one nearest the roadside. Fastening the other end of the rope to a branch, he released his hold and dropped. An Indian policeman heard his groans, and spotting the suspended body from the road, ran up and cut the man down. It would seem that Tsui had been hanging there for some time, because when he was taken down it needed a great deal of resuscitation before he could be brought round. He was sent to the hospital for examination, and this morning appeared in the Police Court to be bound over to keep the peace. Tsui swears he is going back to his native country, where the climate is more suitable to his temperament.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 4th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably in Japan, and risen slightly on the E. and N.E. coasts of China.

There are two depressions over the Japanese area, one moving into the Pacific to the N.E. of Hokkaido and the other moving towards N.E. in the Sea of Japan.

Pressure, which remains considerably below the normal over China, is giving way again along the Yangtze Valley where another depression appears to be developing.

Moderate to light monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood, E. winds, moderate; cloudy, drizzling rain or mist.

2.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, moderate or light.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock, same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 1.

"THE GEISHA."

SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE AT THE
CLUB LUSITANO.

Hongkong is well maintaining its reputation as second to none in the Far East in the way of amateur theatricals. What with the Amateur Dramatic Club's excellent staging of excellent pieces to charm Hongkong audiences, the Kowloon Dock staff's successful efforts to provide diversions of a similar nature, and last, but not least, the Club Lusitano's happy idea of emulating the Lilliputians, they promise to invest a peculiar charm into the social life of the Colony. In the case of grown-ups, it is but a matter of dogged perseverance to ensure success for the production of a piece, but for little mites of children to face an audience and come out of the ordeal—for ordeal undoubtedly it is—with flying colours, is the highest tribute that can be paid to the untiring patience of those to whose hands the success of the piece was entrusted. Certainly, there are not many in Hongkong who can say with any degree of certainty that they could acquit themselves as ably as the little prodigies did on Saturday night. Considering the success which attended the production of "The Belle of New York" last year we feel sure that we are on safe ground when we say that those who were accorded the hospitality of members of the Club Lusitano on Saturday evening already anticipated what was in store for them—a decided success. Of course, a complete absence of stage fright was by no means apparent, but this was soon overcome, and the applause which greeted the efforts of each little player is a stronger testimony than mere words of the appreciation of their auditors. During the evening, floral tributes were many and ungrudgingly bestowed on the deserving performers.

The plot, which is of the lightest, is too well-known to need recapitulation. Suffice it to say that the scene is laid in the land of the Rising Sun and has to do with the life of the "geisha," or tea-house waitresses. Miss Camille Castro, whose success in the title-role of "The Belle of New York" is still fresh in the minds of many, took the principal part and her graceful acting and remarkable aptitude for music captured the hearts of the audience. Master Henrique Lopes, as Wun Hi, proprietor of the tea-house, played the part to perfection, and brought down the house by his clever witticisms. His portrayal of greed personified was faultless to a degree and the part where he is told that he will have to break all connection with the tea-house and all his money-grabbing hopes consequently shattered, was particularly good, the subject looking the very picture of despair. Miss Maria Rosario as the dignified Lady Constance Wynne, ably interpreted her part. Master Fern Remedios, as the Marquis Imari, appreciated his part. Miss Elfrida Osmund, as Mollie Seamore, captivated the audience by her singing and dancing. Her grace on the stage won unstinted applause. The other players filled their parts well and ably supported the principals.

Following is the cast:—

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| Reginald Fairfax | Officers of the Club | Master (Rodolpho) |
| Dick Cunningham | " " " | " (Lidia d'Almeida) |
| Arthur Cuddy | " " " | " (Alfredo Castro) |
| George Gifford | " " " | " (Jorge Val) |
| Stanley (a jolly) | " " " | " (David Castro) |
| Lady Constance Wynne | An English Young Visitor | Miss Maria Rosario |
| Miss Marie White | Guests of Lady Constance | " (Eugenia Sequeira) |
| Miss (Lidia d'Almeida) | " " " | " (Evelina Lora) |
| Miss Marie Grant | " " " | " (Luisa Sequeira) |
| Miss Mollie Seamore | Governor of the Province | " (Elfrida Osmund) |
| The Marquis Imari | The Marquis Imari | Master Fern Remedios |
| Takimichi | Secretary | " (Carlos Vas) |
| Captain Katana | Of the Marquis Guards | " (Antonio Castro) |
| Sergeant Konichi | " " " | " (Carlos Rocha) |
| Corporal Myonichi | Proprietor of the Tea House | " (Augusto Sequeira) |
| Wun Hi | " " " | " (Henrique Lopes) |
| Juliette Diamant | A French Girl attached to the Tea House | Miss Evelina Lopes |
| O Yume San (Philo) | Tea House Attendants | " (Angela Remedios) |
| O Nami San (Wave) | " " " | " (Alda Remedios) |
| O Hana San (Lotus) | " " " | " (Aurea Xavier) |
| O Kiku San (Chrysanthemum) | " " " | " (Phyllis d'Almeida) |
| O Iroha San (Hibiscus) | " " " | " (Bertha Xavier) |
| O Kikotsu San (Golden Hare) | " " " | " (Guilherme Remedios) |
| O Komatsu San (Violet) | " " " | " (Celeste Castro) |
| O Minasa San | Chief Geisha | Camilla Castro |
| | Colliers, Attendants, Mousmes, &c., &c. | |

Messrs. A. E. da Silva and C. M. S. Alves deserve the greatest credit for the production of the piece, while the thanks of all concerned are due to Mr. F. A. V. Ribeiro for the excellent scenery put up. Messrs. J. C. do Rosario and F. Gonzalez, had perfect control of the excellent orchestra of the Sociedade Philharmonica.

"The Geisha" will be produced on the 5th, 6th and 9th inst. while there will be a special matinee on the 10th inst.

CLOTHES STEALERS FINISHED.

THREE YEARS' HARD LABOUR EACH.

Li Chan and Kwan-Ting, coolies, figured in the Criminal Session, which resumed this morning (the Chief Justice presiding) charged with stealing four pigskin boxes containing \$1,728 worth of clothing, and with being in possession of stolen property.

It was stated by the Attorney General, with whom was Mr. Dennis, of the Crown Solicitor's office, that the prosecutor was a blacksmith residing at 59, Wing Lok Street. On the night of the 7th November he and his family went to bed on the first floor, and when he (the blacksmith) awoke in the morning he discovered that four out of eleven of the boxes were missing. Of course, the matter was reported to the police and the prisoners were arrested in their possession. The Attorney General read in their possession. The blacksmith heard no noise when his effects were being stolen, and the very fact that he and his family went to bed with the windows open, suggested that the prisoners had entered by that way.

The prisoners pleaded "not guilty" to the indictment, but were found guilty after a trial and sentenced to three years' hard labour each. The jury, which comprised Messrs. H. G. L. (foreman), A. Morley, J. Dickie, G. Rapp, H. E. Craddock, E. A. Kennedy and H. J. Van den Bosch found them guilty, and sentenced them to three years' hard labour.

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
SERVICE.

COLLISION AT CHINKIANG.

STEAMERS BADLY DAMAGED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 4th January,
1.15 p.m.

There was a collision between the steamers *Tachang Maru* and *Sinlee*, near Chinkiang, on Friday.

Both steamers were badly damaged; they had to be beached to prevent sinking.

The s.s. *Kiangching*, in order to avoid collision, was also beached.

Tachang Maru (Chinese rendering of *Dallat Maru*) is a steel twin-screw steamer of 2,711 gross tons and 1,781 net. Built in 1901 by the Mitsui Bishi Dockyard and Engine Works at Nagasaki to the order of the Nishiki Kisen Kaishaiki Kaisha. Length 282 feet; breadth 36.4 feet; depth 12.4 feet.

S.S. *Sinlee*, ex *Victoria*, ex *Stratum*, 1,250 tons gross, 934 net. Built in 1891 by Wigham Richardson & Co., Newcastle. Owned by Ka Ti Sang.

S.S. *Kiang Ching*, ex *Haus Wagner*, ex *Brunswick*, ex *Morica*, built in 1883 by J. and G. Thomson, Glasgow, 1,595 tons gross, 961 net. Owned by Tung Kee & Co., Ltd.

YUAN SHIH-KAI'S
DISMISSAL.

DISCONTENT IN PEKING.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 4th January,
1.15 p.m.

Discontent prevails (in Peking) at the dismissal of H.E. Yuan Shih-kai.

The appointment is reported of H.E. Liang Tzu-yen as president of the Waiwupu vice Yuan Shih-kai.

OPIUM CONFERENCE.

AMERICAN DELEGATE IN
SHANGHAI.REV. E. W. THWING HAS NO OFFICIAL
STANDING.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 4th January,
1.15 p.m.

Dr. Hamilton Wright, one of the American delegates to the Opium Conference, arrived here from Hongkong at noon yesterday.

Dr. Wright states that the object of the Conference is to ascertain whether the existence of the opium evil is real or not, and to devise means for controlling same.

Only interested Powers have been invited to the Conference.

The territory of Hawaii has not been invited.

Rev. E. W. Thwing has no official standing at the Conference.

[When in Hongkong last week, Mr. Thwing stated that he had been appointed by the Governor of Hawaii to represent the Territory at the Shanghai Opium Conference, as Hawaii also has an opium problem to settle.—Ed., N.Y.T.]

An Imperial decree will soon be issued commanding H.E. Viceroy Tuan Fang to open the International Opium Conference at Shanghai in February next. Three names will give to the Prince Regent from which to select one as China's chief representative at the Conference, namely, Prince Kung, Grand Councillor Lu Chuan-lin, and Viceroy Tuan Fang. The Regent's choice fell on the last named official.

THE Crown Agents for the Colonies, acting on behalf of the Government of Hongkong, invite tenders for the supply of flat-bottomed rafts, 85 lbs. per yard, and fishplates. Forms of tender and all particulars may be obtained on application at the office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Whitehall-gardens, London, S.W. Tenders must be delivered not later than noon on Dec. 14, endorsed "Tender for Rafts and Fishplates."

THE contract for the construction of the new wharf at Singapore has been given to Messrs. Topham, Jones, and Rallion, who finished recently the new, admirably dock at Gibraltar. There are at present harbour improvements and dock works in progress at Singapore involving an expenditure to the Colony of between two and three millions sterling. The contractors engaged are Sir John Jackson, Limited (moles and harbour reclamations), Westminster Construction Company (wharf accommodation and large wet dock), and now this new contract.

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.**TANG SHAO-YI'S MISSION.**

A COSTLY EMBASSY.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 2nd January.

The cost of H.E. Tang Shao-yi's embassy (to America) is estimated at one million taels.

One half of the expenditure will be defrayed by the Waiwupu and the other half by the Board of Rites.

YUAN SHIH-KAI.

FALLEN OUT OF GRACE.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January.

An Imperial Decree has been issued to the effect that Yuan Shih-kai, president of the Waiwupu and one of the Grand Councillors, has been in receipt of Imperial favours both before and since the accession of the new Emperor.

The Decree says:—

Upon Our accession to the Throne We have always conferred honours on him on account of his abilities, so that he may serve Us. Contrary to expectations, however, Yuan Shih-kai is at present suffering from a bad foot, and is therefore incapacitated from discharging his duties.

"Yuan Shih-kai is, accordingly, relieved from all his posts and ordered home for treatment."

"This is a mark of Our favour."

PRINCE CHING.

APPLIES FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January.

As soon as the Imperial Decree was issued concerning Yuan Shih-kai, Prince Ching applied for leave of absence.

ORIGIN OF THE DECREE.

PRINCE REGENT'S OWN CONCEPTION.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January.

The idea of issuing the Decree about Yuan Shih-kai emanated from the Prince Regent himself, who observed strict reticence before it was issued.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

LOAN NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January.

Ko Ling-wei, Chung Kwong-yung, and Mr. J. O. P. Bland (representative of the British and Chinese Corporation) met together at H.E. Chang Chih-tung's residence for several days in conference over the subject of the loan for the northern section of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

Negotiations proceeded satisfactorily.

HUNAN-HUPEH SECTION.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January.

Chang Chih-tung proposes to appoint Chung Kwong-yung director-general of the Hunan-Hupeh Railway and Chim Tin-yan as engineer-in-chief.

He also proposes to depute Ko Ling-wei on a tour of inspection into the affairs of the Canton-Hankow Railway at Canton.

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.**CHINA'S SOVEREIGN RIGHTS.**

PROPOSED TREATY REVISION.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January.

The Waiwupu is determined to notify the various Foreign ministers in Peking of that Ministry's desire next spring to proceed with a revision of the existing Treaties with a view of securing the sovereign rights of China.

PEKINGHANKOW RAILWAY.

REDEMPTION PAYMENT.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January.

The Ministry of Posts and Communications, on the 21st ult., paid over to the Belgian Syndicate the money for the redemption of the Peking-Hankow Railway.

FRENCH SAILORS AT WUHU.

ALLEGED FRACAS.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January.

On the evening of the 1st inst., the crew of a French gunboat obtained shore leave at Wuhu.

It is alleged that there was a fracas between the sailors and the native police some of whom were injured.

MINING IN CHINA.

APPOINTMENT OF A SUPERINTENDENT.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 2nd January.

The Central Government is determined to create a new appointment to be styled the Superintendent of Mines.

Either Sheung Kung-pao or Yeung Shi-kee will receive the appointment.

PROSCRIBED NEWSPAPERS.

PRINTED AT TIENTSIN.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 2nd January.

The Ministry of Posts and Communications has issued instructions to the Police at Tientsin not to allow certain papers, printed in the Japanese settlement at Tientsin, to be circulated in the hinterland.

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

TURKEY'S EXAMPLE.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 2nd January.

The Prince Regent evinces great interest in the question of constitutional government.

He is constantly asking the Grand Councillors how it was that Turkey succeeded in instituting a Parliament within such a short period.

NA TUNG.

APPOINTED GRAND COUNCILLOR.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."]

Peking, 3rd January.

Na Tung has been appointed to the Grand Council.

A Rugby football match between teams of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and the Chartered Bank of India took place on Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Chartered Bank's ground at East Finchley, and resulted in a win for the Hongkong Bank by converted goals and a penalty goal to a try (15 points to 3 points). For the winners Dai obtained a try, which was converted by Walter, and Noble kicked the penalty goal.

THE HONGKONG CHESS CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the general meeting of the members of the Hongkong Chess Club, which was held at the office of Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., the President of the Club, on Wednesday, the 23rd December, 1908, at 5.15 p.m. the following members were present, namely, Mr. Pollock (President), Mr. M. J. Danenberg (hon. treasurer), Mr. S. D. Setna, Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto, Mr. R. A. Dastur, Mr. D. Carvalho, Mr. F. Carvalho, Mr. V. de Souza, Mr. P. A. Rosario, and Mr. J. X. Batalha.

During the period since the last general meeting the following matches have been played:—
1. Match: Mr. Pollock's team v. Mr. Danenberg's team. Pick-up. Five a side. One game to decide, Thursday the 11th December, 1907, at 5.15 p.m. Mr. Pollock's team won by 5 to 3.
2. Exhibition of simultaneous play by Mr. H. W. Landborg, on Thursday, the 19th December, 1907, at 5.15 p.m. Mr. Landborg won all the games but one.
3. Exhibition of blindfold play by Mr. H. W. Landborg, on Thursday, the 9th January, 1908, at 5.15 p.m. Three games were played and all of them were won by Mr. Landborg.
4. (a) Knock-out tournament for the championship of the Club.
1st Prize of value of \$15, to be presented by the Club. Won by Mr. Pollock.
2nd Prize to be bought with the entrance fees. Won by Mr. V. de Souza.
(b) Knock-out tournament for those who do not enter for championship.
1st Prize presented by Mr. S. D. Setna. Won by Mr. P. A. Rosario.
2nd Prize presented bought with the entrance fees. Won by Mr. D. Carvalho.

Mr. M. J. Danenberg, the hon. treasurer, laid the accounts from November, 1907, till the date of the meeting upon the table, which showed that the Club was carrying forward a balance of \$204.02 against \$167.56 brought forward in November, 1907.
On the motion of Mr. Pollock, who took the chair, the accounts were passed.
The next matter which was brought up for discussion was the selection of a place of meeting and it was resolved that Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto should approach the manager of the Astor House with a view to securing the use of a room for the Chess Club in the afternoons, 5.15 p.m. onwards, Mondays and Thursdays being specially selected for playing match games.
(Note.—An arrangement has since been arrived at with the manager of the Astor House upon the above lines, and consequently the Chess Club will meet at the Astor House, till further notice.)

It was then proposed and carried that the following matches should be played during the ensuing season:—
(1) Match: Mr. Pollock's team v. Mr. Danenberg's team. Pick-up. Five a side. One game to decide. Monday 4th January, 1909, at 5.15 p.m.
(2) Tournament for the championship of the Club. Two games to be played; all against all. The award of prizes to be determined by the aggregate number of marks scored after all the games have been played.
No score to count either for or against any player unless he plays the full number of games. 1st prize, of value of \$15, to be presented by the Club. 2nd prize, a cup to be presented by Mr. S. D. Setna.
Entries for the championship to be sent in to Mr. P. A. Rosario, the hon. secretary, c/o Messrs. Meyer & Co., on or before Saturday the 9th January, 1909. Play to commence on Monday, the 11th January, 1909, and the tournament to be completed, if practicable, within two months.
(3) It was decided that, whilst the above tournament was proceeding, the Canton Chess Club should be approached with a view to seeing whether a match of two games could be arranged, to be conducted by postcard, Canton playing white in one game and black in the other.
(4) It was decided that the Hongkong Young Men's Christian Association should also be approached with a view to a match being played against them about Thursday, the 25th February, 1909.
(5) It was also decided that, if possible, an international match be played between members of the British, German and Portuguese communities, (with liberty to other nationalities to compete) each team to play the other two teams, with seven players a side and each player playing two games against his opponent; the winning team to be the team which scores the highest aggregate number of marks.
A challenge shield will be presented by Mr. H. E. Pollock, to be won outright by the team which wins three years in succession.
The possibility of holding an inter-club match was then discussed, but it was resolved to let the matter stand over for the present.
The following committee were then elected:—
Mr. H. E. Pollock, President.
Mr. M. J. Danenberg, hon. treasurer.
Mr. P. A. Rosario, hon. secretary.
Mr. S. D. Setna.
Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held at 3.45 p.m. to-morrow. Following are the orders of the day:—

Letter from Colonial Secretary forwarding minute from His Excellency the Governor relative to the spitting nuisance.

Minute by the Medical Officer of Health recommending the burial of dead bodies at Kai Lung Wan and Ma Tau Wai Cemeteries owing to the closing of the Cheung Sha Wan Plague Cemetery.

Report of the analyses of the public water supplies for the month of December, 1908.

Macao mortality return for the weeks ending December 14th and 21st, 1908.

Limewashing return for the fortnight ending December 15th, 1908.

Ret return for the weeks ending December 14th and 21st, 1908.

To-day's Advertisements.

AUCTION SALE

PURE IRISH HOUSEHOLD LINENS, LACE AND TAPESTRY CURTAINS, &c., &c.

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH are favoured with instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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A Small Quantity of "Witney" Blankets.

The above Goods are due here per S.S. "Deucalion" on or about the 8th January and will be on view from Thursday, 14th January, p.m. Catalogues may be had on application.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1909.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 977.

IT is hereby notified that information has been received from the Naval Authorities to the effect that His Majesty's Surveying Ships *Merlin* and *Waterwitch*, at present at "East Dock Bury" and "4" Bury respectively are engaged in taking observations of Tidal Stream off the entrance to the New Admiralty Dry Dock.

Masters of Craft and Coxswains of Launches should keep clear of these vessels and proceed at slow speed when passing, as the wash set up by them is liable to interfere with correct observations.

F. H. MAY,

Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1909.

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For further particulars apply to the Agent—

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1909.

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KOWLOON CITY ROBBERY.

HEAVY SENTENCES.

The trial of the three men who committed the daring robbery on the 21st November last at No. 37, Kowloon City Road, came to a conclusion at the Supreme Court this afternoon. The Chief Justice (Sir Francis Pigott) presided; while the following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. H. T. Richardson, S. J. Fenton, S. Swart, P. Abraham, E. Raymond, G. K. Huxton and R. Aitken.

Li Yui, one of the women inmates of No. 37, Kowloon City Road, stated that she woke up on the morning in question and was surprised to find a man sitting on top of her. He seized her by the throat and pointed a knife at her. She was too frightened at the time to remember exactly what took place after that.

Honorato Martin, a gate-keeper of the Kowloon Dock, said that at 7.20 a.m. that morning, he was walking along the Kowloon City Road, when he saw the first defendant coming from No. 37, and going towards Hung Hom Market. The man was arrested at the latter place by an Indian constable and taken back to No. 37. Witness saw Inspector Watt search the prisoner and produce two pieces of wood with strings.

Li Chau said he lived at No. 37 with the woman witnesses. He had left the house early that morning, but in consequence of information received, he returned to the house, when he saw the first accused at the foot of the staircase in charge of an Indian constable. He saw his sister bleeding in the breast, whom he attended. He was afterwards handed two knives, one by his wife and the other by his sister.

After further evidence was taken, the prisoners treated the Court to a surprise by confessing that they did commit the robbery but did not carry any knives. The third defendant went one better by telling the Court with a smiling face that when they went to the house with an intention to robbery, they expected to find the inmates sound asleep, but on seeing them wide-awake, they had to decamp.

His Lordship said that on the face of the interesting statements made, he would not trouble the jury with any reference to the facts of the case. On a unanimous verdict of guilty being recorded, the first and second prisoners were sentenced to five years' hard labour, while the third received seven years' hard labour.

HOOLIGANISM.

SERIOUS CRIME IN THE COLONY.

This is the time of the year when the hooligans of the city are making preparations to feather their nests in the best possible manner—whether honestly or otherwise.

Yesterday a Portuguese lady while on her way to church was attacked on the street by a fourteen-year-old boy, who snatched a brooch she was wearing on her blouse. The young thief made tracks, by way of Conduit Road, to escape the arm of the law, but several gentlemen who had witnessed the outrage, set out in pursuit, and succeeded in capturing the scamp, after a long run.

Of Chinese women no less than five were victimized yesterday, and in each case ear-rings were stolen. Thanks to the vigilance of the police a capture in each case was effected.

But the most daring of all was the robbery which was perpetrated at Wanchai. A number of men met a woman in Queen's Road East and, stating that they were strangers in the Colony, asked her if she knew of a house to let. The foolish creature said she did and took them to an unoccupied house in Wanchai Road, which they inspected. While the woman was waiting for some remuneration, she was seized thrown to the floor and gagged. The desperadoes then relieved her of her jewellery and what little money she had and decamped. One of them, however, was captured, and he was brought before the magistrate (Mr. J. H. Kemp) this morning, charged with robbery with violence. A plea of not guilty was entered, and he was remanded.

The suspects in the other cases were found guilty and heavily punished.

At time of writing news reaches us of a house armed robbery being perpetrated in a house at Reclamation Street, Yau-ma-tei. Five women were bound and gagged and property to the value of \$70 was stolen. The police have not made any arrests yet, but hope to do so ere long.

Mrs. Arnold, of 25, Westbourne Villa, Basington Path, prosecuted two of her servants—a cook and a "boy"—in the Police Court, for larceny. The accused were charged with stealing seventeen tins of asparagus and one bottle of brandy. After evidence had been heard the charge against the cook was withdrawn, while the "boy" was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself under the name of ARNDT & CO. with Office at 38, Queen's Road Central and will carry on business as GENERAL IMPORTER.

ERNST ARNDT.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [1126]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of our late Mr. CARL GEORG RICHARD BRODERSEN ceased upon his death, which took place at Shanghai on the 2nd October last.

Mr. HANS AUGUST SIEMSEN and Mr. EUGEN SIEMSEN have this day been admitted as partners in our firm.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Shanghai, Hongkong & China, 1st January, 1909. [53]

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. PERCY TESTER has been appointed LOCAL MANAGER of the above Company's HONGKONG BRANCH from this date.

W. H. TRENCHARD DAVIS,

Manager for China. Shanghai, 1st January, 1909. [54]

NOTICE.

MR. ERNST ARNDT, having retired from our employment, ceases to sign our firm per procurator from this date.

ARNHOLD KARBURG & CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [55]

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(THE

GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE

TO EUROPE.)

HAVING been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, we shall be pleased to give any information as to rates of passage, &c., in connection with above.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd Jan 1909. [56]

Intimations.

THE IMPERIAL COLONIAL CLUB.

THE above Club is formed chiefly for COLONIAL and OVER-SEAS MEMBERS; it is situated at No. 84, Piccadilly (the centre of Clubland), opposite the Green Park.

The Club has a Bridge Section, Reception, Dining, Billiard Room, Smoking Lounge, Reading Room and Library.

Ladies are eligible as Members.

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Further particulars from

THE ORGANISING SECRETARY,

84, Piccadilly, W.

London, 10th August, 1908. [766]

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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1908. [14]

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD. have now 40,000 cubic feet of COLD STORAGE available at WAREHOUSE. Stores will be Open at 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. daily, Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver perishable goods.

WM. FARLANE,

Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd Jan. 1909. [45]

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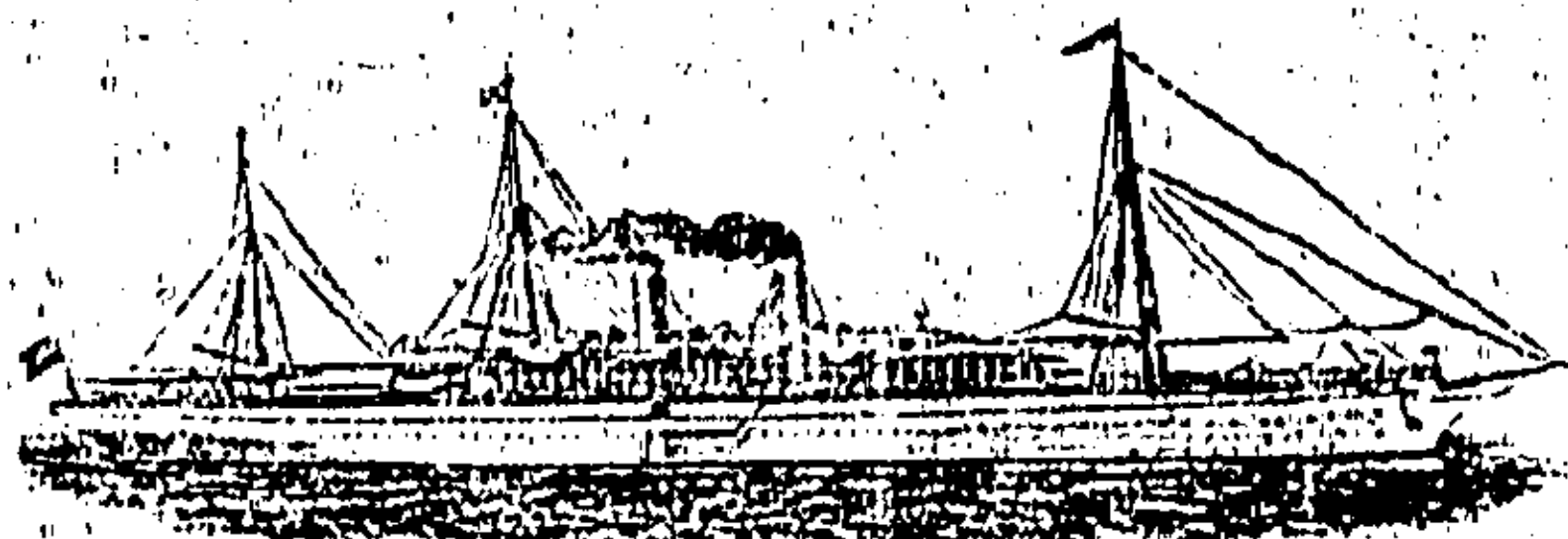
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Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [1125]

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With liberty to call at Malabar Coast.

THE Steamship "INDRAWADI" Captain Williams, will be dispatched as above on TUESDAY, 5th January.

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1908. [1073]

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1908. [1095]

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1908. [1112]

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Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, 17th December, 1908. [10]

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THE Steamship "ASSAYE" Captain G. L. Daniel, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be dispatched from this port, BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 9th January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's S.S. India, 8,000 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. Persia, due in London on 20th February, 1909.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 26th December, 1908. [1094]

COMPAGNIE DES MESAGERIES MARITIMES.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship "SYDNEY" Captain Rebutat, will be dispatched for the above Ports TO-DAY, the 4th inst., at 8 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to P. NALIN, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1909. [10]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

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Hongkong, 31st December, 1908. [1130]

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FOR BOSTON & NEW YORK: S.S. "MUNCASTER CASTLE" 19th Jan.

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1908. [1118]

Intimations.

PABST BREWING COMPANY, MILWAUKEE.

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BY SIEMSEN & Co., Agents for HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1907. [11]

THE HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Corrected 31st December, 1908, per 5 Maas.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes Beef sirloin, Corned Ham, etc.

POULTRY.

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TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

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| Do, 4 months sight | 18 1/2 |
| France-Bank T.T. | 2 1/2 |
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| Do, 4 months sight | 2 1/2 |
| Germany-Bank T.T. | 1 1/2 |
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| Shanghai-Bank T.T. | 7 1/2 |
| Do, demand | 7 1/2 |
| Do, 4 months sight | 7 1/2 |
| Japan-Bank T.T. | 8 1/2 |
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Buying.

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| 6 months sight L/C | 19 1/2 |
| 3 days sight San Francisco & New York | 4 1/2 |
| 4 months sight do | 4 1/2 |
| 30 days sight Sydney & Melbourne | 1 1/2 |
| 4 months sight France | 2 1/2 |
| 6 months sight do | 2 1/2 |
| 4 months sight Germany | 1 1/2 |
| Bar Silver | 23 3/16 |
| Bank of England rate | 2 1/2 |
| Sovereign | 11 1/8 |

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

Mails.

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| Indian (Fookang) 6th inst. | |
| English (Dahai) 6th inst. | 5 p.m. |
| German (Prinz Sigmund) 6th inst. | |
| Indian (Kumang) 10th inst. | |

The s.s. *Rubi* left Manila on 2nd inst., and is due here on 4th inst., at 6 p.m.

The N.G. I. s.s. *Capri* left Singapore for this port on 1st inst., and may be expected here on 7th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Siberia*, which left Hongkong on 31st ult., arrived in San Francisco on 1st inst.

The H. A. L. M. S. Co.'s s.s. *Ogigi* left Shanghai on 2nd inst., and may be expected here on 6th inst., at 6 p.m.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Prinz Ritel* left Hongkong on 31st ult., and is due here on 7th inst., at 8 a.m.

The Java-China-Lane S.S. Co.'s s.s. *Tjimak* left Makassar for this port on 3rd inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on 11th inst., and will sail for Amoy and Shanghai on 14th inst.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

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| Tingsoo, Br. s.s., 1,447, R. V. Anderson, 2nd Jan., Chinkiang 29th Dec., Gen.-J. M. & Co. | |
| Sigau, Br. s.s., 1,447, F. Jamieson, 2nd Jan., Haiphong and Hoihow 1st Jan., Gen.-J. M. & Co. | |
| Shau, Br. s.s., 1,662, Bay, 2nd Jan., Chelbo 28th Dec., Beas.-B. & S. | |
| Sark, Nor. s.s., 1,450, Wolf, 2nd Jan., Newcastle 12th Dec., Coal.-A. K. & Co. | |
| Fumi Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,569, Kawamura, 2nd Jan., Singapore 23rd Dec., Kerosine Oil.-A. P. & Co. | |
| Empire, Br. s.s., 2,443, P. T. Helms, 3rd Jan., Yokohama 23rd Dec., Kobe 29th, and Moji 31st, Gen.-J. M. & Co. | |
| Kenon Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,738, T. Takai, 3rd Jan., Moji 27th Dec., Coal.-M. B. K. | |
| Feiching, Chi. s.s., 980, R. G. Paramore, 3rd Jan., Tientsin and Swatow 29th Dec., Gen.-C. M. S. N. Co. | |
| Prosper, Nor. s.s., 1,474, R. Lassen, 3rd Jan., Chinkiang 19th Dec., Groundnut.-Order. | |
| Hailan, Fr. s.s., 377, O. A. Hög, 3rd Jan., Pakhoi 31st Dec., Pigi and Gen.-A. R. M. | |
| Haiyang, Br. s.s., 1,361, A. E. Hodgins, 3rd Jan., Fookang 1st Dec., Amoy 1st Jan., and Swatow 2nd Dec., Gen.-D. L. & Co. | |
| Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 1,424, A. Cornelissen, 3rd Jan., Haiphong and Hoihow 31st Jan., Gen.-A. R. M. | |
| Mainas De Bata, Am. s.s., 1,758, F. Sicars, 3rd Jan., Manila 28th Dec., Ballast.-Order. | |
| Tilania, Ger. transport, 1,245, Schaeke, 3rd Jan., Amoy 2nd Jan. | |
| Holstein, Ger. s.s., 985, A. Viehler, 3rd Jan., Haiphong 30th Dec., and Hoihow 1st Jan., Gen.-J. M. & Co. | |
| Protein, Nor. s.s., 1,014, C. Müller, 3rd Jan., Canton and Jan., Gen.-Aegard, Thoresen & Co. | |
| Walshing, Br. s.s., 1,179, W. F. Richard, 3rd Jan., Canton 2nd Jan., Gen.-J. M. & Co. | |
| Chiyuen, Chi. s.s., 1,131, C. Stewart, 3rd Jan., Canton 2nd Jan., Gen.-C. M. S. N. Co. | |
| E-Sang, Br. s.s., 1,127, Meyrick, 3rd Jan., Canton and Jan., Gen.-J. M. & Co. | |
| Yuenang, Br. s.s., 1,118, H. R. Koffe, 3rd Jan., Manila 31st Dec., Gen.-J. M. & Co. | |
| Sydney, Fr. s.s., 2,498, Rebuffat, 4th Jan., Marseilles 6th Dec., and Saigon 1st Jan., Mails and Gen.-M. M. | |
| Ernest Simons, Fr. s.s., 2,890, R. Girard, 4th Jan., Shanghai 1st Jan., Mails and Gen.-M. M. | |
| Sado Maru, Jap. s.s., 6,227, Geo. Anderson, 4th Jan., Yokohama via Kobe and Shanghai 6th Jan., Gen.-N. Y. K. | |
| Kiang Ping, Chi. s.s., 1,993, H. Udden, 4th Jan., Chinkiang 30th Dec., Gen.-Tyong Lee & Co. | |
| Wongkoi, Ger. s.s., 1,115, W. Reher, 4th Jan., Bangkok 15th Dec., and Swatow 3rd Jan., Gen.-J. M. & Co. | |
| Mathilda Komer, Ger. s.s., 1,847, M. Dibbern, 4th Jan., Surabaya 15th Dec., and Samarang 21st Dec., Gen.-J. C. J. L. | |
| Kauchow, Br. s.s., 1,217, Monkman, 4th Jan., Canton 3rd Jan., Gen.-B. & S. | |
| Ragnar, Nor. s.s., 1,104, A. Augensen, 4th Jan., Canton 3rd Jan., Coal.-Aegard, Thoresen & Co. | |

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